

Community Connections

OFW strengthens community connections through:

- **Outreach:** Participating in Mayor's Community Conversations, Observances & Events For and About Women, offering volunteer/internship opportunities and Conversation Cafes.
- **Communication:** e-Newsletters such as *The Scoop*; Listservs, surveys, resource directories, brochures and web pages. OFW is online at: www.louisvilleky.gov/OFW
- **Public Policy:** Issues such as health equity, women's health and safety, economic well-being; in collaboration with agencies and organizations such as SANE/SART; Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinating Committee; and community partners.
- **Services:** Oversight of the Safe Havens program which provides families a safe place at *The Home of the Innocents*, and *Family & Children's Place/Shively* for supervised access or exchanges of children.
The program receives funding from the Office on Violence Against Women, (Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice) and Louisville Metro Government.

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The Office For Women provides a number of publications that are free and available to the public on the website:

www.louisvilleky.gov/OFW

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Women Supporting Women

Mission

Working to improve the status of all women in Louisville Metro by being a partner with the community and a leader in women's issues

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Louisville Metro Office for Women

The Louisville Metro Office for Women (OFW)

OFW, established in 1991, is part of the Advocacy and Public Policy Division within Louisville Metro Housing and Family Services. OFW uses advocacy and policy as a vehicle to improve the status of all women in Louisville Metro.

The focus of OFW is broad and includes:

- Issues that affect women's physical and mental health
- Social and economic well-being
- Housing
- Political and community involvement
- Legal issues
- Safety issues including domestic violence and abuse, and
- Working to ensure cultural competence in services and activities for women.

Issues and needs are assessed by on-going, extensive participation on various committees; relationships with women's organizations; direct contact with the community; research activities; speaking engagements; and direct calls from community members.

Focus Areas:

- Women's Health and Safety
- Women's Economic Well-Being and Empowerment
- Investing in Girls and Young Women

Functions:

- Advocating through Public Policy
- Facilitating networks
- Enhancing connections to government
- Raising Awareness
- Promoting leadership and civic engagement



Office for Women's Vision:

An interconnected community of champions working to improve the status of all women by bringing individual community members and organizations who serve women together to enhance collaboration, communication and coordination.

The **Louisville Women's Listserv** (LWL) is a networking venue provided by the Office For Women to:

- Raise awareness and knowledge regarding issues that impact women in our community
- Increase women's participation in government and their community
- Improve access to resources and information serving the needs of women and girls
- Foster and enhance collaboration

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